

Amendment 1, 601 FW 3
(Delegation of Authority for Genetically Modified Crops)

Series: Refuge Management
Part 601: National Wildlife Refuge System
Chapter 3: Biological Integrity, Diversity, and Environmental Health
Amendment Number: 1
Purpose: This amendment delegates authority to the Regional Chiefs and the Assistant Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office (CNO) for the National Wildlife Refuge System, to approve the use of genetically modified crops (GMCs) on National Wildlife Refuge System lands.

Action:

Under 3.15C, change the last sentence in the paragraph:

"We do not use genetically modified organisms in refuge management unless we determine their use is essential to accomplishing refuge purpose(s) and the Director approves the use."

to:

"We do not use genetically modified organisms in refuge management unless we determine their use is essential to accomplishing refuge purpose(s) and the Regional Chief or the Assistant Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office (CNO), National Wildlife Refuge System, approves the use."

Also add the following subsections to the same paragraph:

(1) This delegation covers agricultural crops only. For genetically modified organisms other than GMCs, such as trees or fish, Director approval is required."

(2) A request for approval can cover just one refuge, or it can cover multiple units within a refuge complex.


Deputy DIRECTOR

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